

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

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Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	X
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
King, Charles Morrise	i	Bouchoir New British Cemetery	link
15 th Battalion	i	Somme, France	i
Private #1027234	i	Plot 4 Row B Grave 37	i
Death 18 August 1918	link	Exhumation 15/10/1919	i
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Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 4 Row B Grave 37 lists an "Unknown British Soldier 48th H O F C". We know that to be the "48th Highlanders of Canada", which served in the Great War as the "15th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force". The headstone in the cemetery shows "15th Bn Canadian Inf."

The evidence is clear that these are the remains of [Private Charles Morrise King #1027234](#), the only member of the battalion lost in that location at that time.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 4 Row B Grave 37 are those of Private Charles Morrise King #1027234 of the 15th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was killed in action on 9 August 1918, during the Battle of Amiens, in the period known as “Canada’s Hundred Days”.

For the record, we note that Charles “Morrise” King is also shown as “Norris” and “Morris” in various service record documents.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Circumstance of Death* record states: “While on sentry duty in the trenches west of Parvillers he was instantly killed by the explosion of an enemy shell that landed near him” (*Attachment #1a*). The reported location of his Grave was at trench map coordinates **66e.L.28**. The date of death is given as 18-8-18.

We have also provided the corresponding records for the two men (Middleton & Evans) of the 15th Battalion that were recovered in the same area as Private King. These records confirm the location of the battlefield burials. All three sets of documents refer to a burial in Sector **66e.L.28** and a recovery of the remains in Sector **66e.L.29** (*Attachment #1b*). This confirms that the bodies buried and the bodies recovered are one in the same.

2. The *E-13 War Graves Register* reports that the “Unconfirmed Burial Report” for Private King was at **62d.L.28.d.75.55**. The date of death was recorded as 18-8-18. As the remains were not knowingly recovered, the name of Private C. M. King was inscribed on the Vimy Memorial (*Attachment #2*). We now know that the remains were recovered and his name can be stricken from the Vimy Memorial and placed on the headstone for grave 4.B.37 in the Bouchoir New British Cemetery.
3. Records recovered from the *48th Highlanders of Canada Archives* confirm that Private King was killed in action on 18 August 1918, as recorded in Battalion Part Two Daily Orders 66/20.8.18. The document notes that he was killed while on sentry duty in the trench when an enemy shell landed in bay instantly killing Pte. King (*Attachment #3a*). A copy of the Part II Orders of 20-8-18 records a Battalion Strength Decrease related to the deaths of Lance Corporal Middleton #46596, Private Evans #1045878 and Private King #1027234 during the period of 17-18 August 1918 (*Attachment #3b*). [Middleton](#) and [Evans](#) are buried in graves 4.B.34 and 4.B.35 of the Bouchoir New British Cemetery. The graves are separated only by grave 4.B.36 for Lieutenant Fattorini of the Royal Air Force, found in close proximity, killed 13 August 1918.
4. An extract of the [Battalion War Diary](#) provides details on the location of the 15th Battalion during the Battle of Amiens of August 8th to 20th, 1918 (*Attachment #4*). The diary shows the movement of the battalion for the attacks on Gentelles (8 August), east for the attack on Caix (9-10 August), Warvillers (13-14 August),

then finally Parvillers. It is here that Private King was killed by a shell that exploded near his location. Although not reported in the war diary, we can infer that of the six (6) reported wounded on 17 August 1918, four (4) died ([CWGC Link](#)), one of which was Private King.

5. The location of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, including the 15th Battalion (3rd Brigade, 1st Division), is detailed in the [Official History of the Canadian Expeditionary Force](#) (Nicholson 1962). Map #11, which is based on the information detailed in numerous war diaries of that period, shows the detailed movements from August 8 to August 20th 1918 (*Attachment #5*). We have marked the attached copy with two purple squares to show the starting point of the 15th Battalion at Gentelles and the reported location of the deaths at Parvillers. During this period, the Canadian Expeditionary Force was attacking the German Army through a process of “Open Warfare”, as compared to the “Stagnant Trench Warfare” of the preceding periods. As such, it is possible to separate remains recovered from the battlefield on the basis of the location of the various units on specific dates.
6. The specific location where the remains were recovered is detailed in a smaller scale period trench map (*Attachment #6*). We have marked this map with “Blue Crosshairs” to show the spot to the east of Parvillers where the remains of L/Cpl. Middleton and Privates Evans and King were recovered at **66e.L.29.b.7.3**. For reference, the modern GPS Coordinates for that location are [49.747228, 2.751248](#) (49°44'50.02"N 2°45'4.49"E). The location where the three (3) sets of remains were recovered is important, as it differs slightly from where the bodies were reported to have had battlefield burials in Sector **66e.L.28**. Finding all three bodies in the same location confirms that they are the same men and that only the trench map coordinates differ, albeit slightly.
7. The database of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows that there are only two (2) unknown burial locations for men of the 15th Infantry Battalion during the Battle of Amiens (*Attachment #7a*). That means that the remains recovered had to be either Private Hames Francis Farren #1045368 (9 August 1918) or Private Charles Morrise King #1037234 (18 August 1918). There are no other candidates. The date of death is important, as it tells us that the remains that were recovered to the east of Parvillers were buried there sometime after 13 August 1918 when the 15th Battalion was east of Warvillers. This would suggest that the remains are those of Private King.

Further confirmation that the remains are those of Private King and not Private Farren is provided by the casualty report for the latter (*Attachment #7b*). That document shows that Private Farren died of wounds he received during operations near Demuin (**66e.D.1.a**), approximately 20,000 yards northwest of where the remains were recovered. After he was wounded, Private Farren was transported even further west to No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance in Gentelles Wood (**62d.T.17**), the origin of the 15th Battalion on 8 August 1918. We note that there is an apparent error in the casualty report for Private Farren as the described location of the Field Ambulance does not match the trench

coordinates. They may have meant that the location was Hamon Wood (**66e.C.18**), as reported in the casualty file. A review of the field ambulance war diary of the unit confirms that they moved from Bois-de-Gentelles to Hamon Wood (**66e.C.18.b.10.60**) on 9 August 1918 (*Attachment #7c*).

The last date for inclusion of a member of the 15th Infantry Battalion in this case is 22 August 1918, when they completed their move to the north to participate in the Battle of Arras, replaced in the Amiens front by the Australian Corps.

8. The *Graves Registration Report Form* (GRRF) reports that Plot 4 Row B Grave 31 at the Bouchoir New British Cemetery contains the remains of an “Unknown British Soldier 48th H. O. F. C.” (*Attachment #8*). There is no reported date of death. We know that to be the “48th Highlanders of Canada”, which served in the Great War as “15th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force”.
9. The *Concentration of Graves Burial Return* (CO-BR) matches the GRRF but in addition tells us that the remains were recovered at trench map coordinates **66e.L.29.b.7.3** (*Attachment #9*). Significant additional information is contained in that document, as it tells us that Private Evans of the 15th Canadian Infantry Battalion (17-8-1918) was recovered at the same location and is buried in Grave 4.B.35. The prior sheet also notes that Private Middleton (17-8-1918) of the same unit was also located at the identical location and buried in Grave 4.B.34.
10. The *Headstone Register* corrects the initial report that the grave is that of an “Unknown British Soldier” to that of an “Unknown Canadian Soldier” (*Attachment #10*). There is nothing to note that the UCS was of the 15th Canadian Infantry Battalion, however that information may have been provided in the “Particulars of Layout”.
11. The *Grave Stone Photograph* confirms that the correct information was detailed, as it is inscribed “A Soldier of the Great War 15th Bn. Canadian Inf. Known Unto God”. All of the information in the historical records makes it now possible to change this inscription to read “Pte. C. M. King #1027234 15th Bn. Canadian Inf., with a personal inscription to be set by others.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (*Attachment #12*).

It is our contention that the remains in Plot 4 Row B Grave 37 at the Bouchoir New British Cemetery are those of Private King #1027234 of the 15th Canadian Infantry Battalion, killed in action near Parvillers on 18 August 1918. There are no other candidates.

ATTACHMENT #1a

Ancestry.com. Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1948 [[database on-line](#)]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#). Record Group 150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 145-238. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. War Graves Ledger Books. RG 150, 1992-93/314, vols. 239-302. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Private King

1. NO. 1027234.	2. RANK OR RATING Private.	3. SURNAME KING.	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES Charles Morris.
5. UNIT OR SHIP 15th Battalion.	6. DATE OF CASUALTY 18-8-18.	7. H.Q. FILE NO. 649-K-4480.	8. RELIGION Church of England.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY "Killed in action." While on sentry duty in the trenches West of Perpillers he was instantly killed by the explosion of an enemy shell that landed near him.		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION Grave _____ Plot _____ Row _____	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. REMARKS			
20. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

21. REPORTED LOCATION OF GRAVE. Sheet 66e.L.26.
22. REMARKS.

ATTACHMENT #1b

Ancestry.com. *Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1948* [[database on-line](#)]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#). Record Group 150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 145-238. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. War Graves Ledger Books. RG 150, 1992-93/314, vols. 239-302. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Lance Corporal Middleton

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
46596	Lance Corporal	MIDDLETON	Walter Leslie
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
15th Battalion	17-8-18	649-M-7410	Presbyterian
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
"Killed in Action" Instantly killed by a high explosive shell while his Battalion were holding the line North West of Parvillers.			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:- Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Bouchoir New British Cemetery,	5 miles North West of Roye, France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

20. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.
Bouchoir New British Cemetery, Sheet 66e.K.36.b.8.9. Plot 4. Row B. Grave 34.
21. REMARKS.
Exhumed from: Sheet 66e.L.28.a.30.30.

ATTACHMENT #1c

Ancestry.com. Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1948 [[database on-line](#)]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#). Record Group 150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 145-238. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. War Graves Ledger Books. RG 150, 1992-93/314, vols. 239-302. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Private Evans

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
1045878.	Private.	EVANS,	Murray Carleton.
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
15th Battalion.	17-8-18.	649-H-8082.	Methodist.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
"Killed in Action." Whilst holding the line in the vicinity of Perwillers, he was instantly killed by an enemy high explosive shell.			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:—Items 11, 12 and 13 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Bouchoir New British Cemetery,	5 miles North West of Roze, France.	Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

20. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.
Bouchoir New British Cemetery. Sheet 66e.K.36.b.75.90. Plot 4, Row B, Grave 35.
21. REMARKS.
Exhumed from Sheet 66e.L.26.a.30.

ATTACHMENT #2

Ancestry.com. Canada, CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers, 1914-1919 [[database on-line](#)].
 Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#); (RG150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 39-144); Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Form E. 13
 1897 Am. 21/5/18 D. 262

Reg. No. 1027234 Rank Pte. Name KING, C.M. File No. R.L. 25-K-1375
 25243

Unit 15th Battn. (1st C.O. Regt.)

Date of Casualty	Nature and Place of Casualty	Next-of-Kin
18-8-18.	Killed in Action.	
Published on D.C.L.		
No. A. 300		
Date 23-8-18.		

Unconfirmed Burial Report	Grave No.	Authority	Report of Circumstances of Casualty
L. 28. 75. 55. Sh 662		X 1053	Received from Unit Forwarded
			Date 9-9-18 Ottawa 16-11-18
			Next-of-Kin
			Written For A.A.G. Written
			Date Date
Confirmed Burial Report	Grave No.	Authority	Burial Report Advised to Ottawa and Next-of-Kin
			Ottawa
			Next-of-Kin
Revised Burial Report	Grave No.	Authority	Revised Report Advised to Ottawa and Next-of-Kin
			Ottawa
			Next-of-Kin

VIMY MEMORIAL

ATTACHMENT #3a

Archive Records from the 48th Highlanders of Canada, kindly provided by Brigadier General (ret'd) Greg Young of the [15th Battalion Memorial Project](#)

Rep to Bu from CERE-2-6-18
 To wearing course 1st Div Wemy 27.7.18-8.8.18
 Killed in action 18.8.18 (B.P.O. 66/20.8.18)
 on sentry duty in trench. enemy shell landed in bay instantly killing Pte King.
 Effects to CBO 19.8.18 - AB64-3 letters 19 Photos - 1 Pocket Book
 1 Bible 1 mirror case - 5 Postcards - 1 Comb

Reg. No. 1027234 Name King, Charles Morris Enlist. Age 25

Rank { Company 1 Religion C of E

Date of Attestation 3/8/16 Date of Joining 15th Can. Battn. 26.3.18
 Height 5.3 Eyes Brown Complexion med Original Unit 235
 Decorations Occupation Sheet Metal Cutter
 Next of Kin (M) Norah King Address 830 De la Paix St.
 Montreal PQ

RECORD OF SERVICES.

Killed	Wounded	Died of W.	Missing	Prisoner	Hospital	Rejoined	Struck off
18.8.18	Died 4.11.18 (4)						18.8.18

ATTACHMENT #3b

Archive Records from the 48th Highlanders of Canada, kindly provided by Brigadier General (ret'd) Greg Young of the [15th Battalion Memorial Project](#)

Each issue of Orders will be issued consecutively throughout the year. A fresh series to be commenced with the first issue in each year.

Sheet 1. Unit 15th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION. **Army Form O. 1810 All Arms.**

DAILY ORDERS. PART II. No. 66.

M.R.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in copies 1 and 2, thus:— 1.—Covered Material. Station In the Field. Date 20-8-18.

Regimental No., Rank and Name	Depot, Batty. or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
1. STRENGTH DECREASE. (Nom. Roll)		
46598 L/Cpl. Middleton,	W.L.	Killed in action, 17-8-18.
1045878 Pte. Evans,	M.C.	-do- 17-8-18.
1027234 " King,	C.M.	-do- 18-8-18.
(Authy: O.C., 15th Canadian Infy. Bttn., Telegram d/19-8-18. Ref.-AAG., Can. Section 3rd Echelon GHQ. KA.T/16164.)		
77661 L/Sgt. McNeill,	J.	Invalided WOUNDED and posted to 1st
192613 L/Cpl. Watson,	K.E.	C.O.R. Depot, Witley, 13-8-18.
192405 Pte. Drysdale,	A.	(Authy: H.S. "PRINCESS ELIZABETH" APW. 3083-5742 dated 12-8-18.)
799088 Pte. Kerr,	J.T.N.	Invalided SICK and posted to 1st
		C.O.R. Depot, Witley, 13-8-18.
		(Authy: H.S. "STAD ANTWERPEN" A.P.W. 3083-5744 dated 13-8-18.)
2. CASUALTIES.		
02727 Pte. McFadyen,	G.	Previously reported in Part II Order No. 65 (Sub-Ord. No. 2 CASUALTIES) dated 19-8-18, as "Missing after Action" 9-8-18, now reported "Believed Absent without Leave 9-8-18".
		(Authy: O.C., 15th Canadian Inf. Bttn., Telegram d/19-8-18. Ref.-AAG., Can. Sect. 3rd Echelon GHQ., KD(d) T/16162.)
Lieutenant, for Lt-Col., A.A.G. Canadian Section, 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.		

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Officer Commanding or Adjutant.

ATTACHMENT #4a

Library and Archives Canada: War Diaries of the First World War. Available as (1) ArchivaNet: On-Line Research Tool, or (2) [War Diaries of the First World War](http://data2.collectionscanada.ca/e/e044/e001093116.jpg).

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Event heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
AUGUST 1918.

15th Battalion,
8th Highlanders of Canada.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs. Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOYES (Near) GENTILES	7-8-1918		There was no enemy activity on our position during the day. At about 11 p.m. the Battalion moved up to the jumping off position. The stream of traffic which had for the past several days been passing through the town of Boyes, practically ceased this night, the road being used solely for the passage of Infantry. Previous to this night, the road had been packed with Limbers, Guns, tanks, Lorries moving and carrying into the line. It was stated that the policemen on point duty at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Avenue, New York, had never such an amount of traffic to handle as passed through this small French town. Delays were very few the traffic being handled very skillfully.	XXXX
ATTACK R. OF GENTILES	8-8-18		(See Appendix for Attack of this date) The Battalion Transport, Q.M. Stores and Details moved from BOYES to GENTILES WOOD. During the day many batches of prisoners had come through the town and from reports from walking wounded, it appeared that the attack was, so far a great success. 39 Q.M. Reinforcements from CG Q.	XXXX
ATTACK S. OF CALX	9-8-18		(See Appendix for Attack of this date) The near Details again followed the Battalion, resting for a few hours at the objective gained on the 8th, but again moving forward in the afternoon to CLAUD WOOD. Enemy aircraft was not visible during the day but as night came on, many of his planes came over the new back area, and proceeded to drop bombs around the fields and woods near BEAUCOURT. Lieut. Col. C. E. Burt CMG DSO was wounded in the neck. Capt. W. Maybin took over the command of the Battalion.	XXXX
	10-8-18		The Battalion remained in the trenches to the S.W. of WAVILLERS. The near Details again moved forward and located in BEAUFORT OCHARD. Major K. O. Bell-Irving took command of the Bn. Capt. W. Maybin assumed the duties of the 2nd in Command. Casualties (see appendix) Reinforcements, NIL.	XXXX
	11-8-1918		The Battalion still remained in the trenches near WAVILLERS. Orders were received to make reconnaissance of the various routes to the front position. Casualties, NIL. Reinforcements, NIL.	XXXX
	12-8-18		Battalion location unchanged. Warning orders for an attack by the Brigade were received. Casualties, NIL. Reinforcements, NIL.	XXXX

D. O. S. I., London, E.C.
(When) W. 1077 (Mans) 7/10/18 517 Sub. 31 Form C. 2118/14

ATTACHMENT #4b

Library and Archives Canada: War Diaries of the First World War. Available as (1) ArchivaNet: On-Line Research Tool, or (2) [War Diaries of the First World War](http://data2.collectionscanada.ca/e/e044/e001093117.jpg).

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Army Form C. 2118.

AUGUST, 1918.

WAR DIARY
OF
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Base heading not required.)

15th Can. Battalion
28th Highlanders of Canada

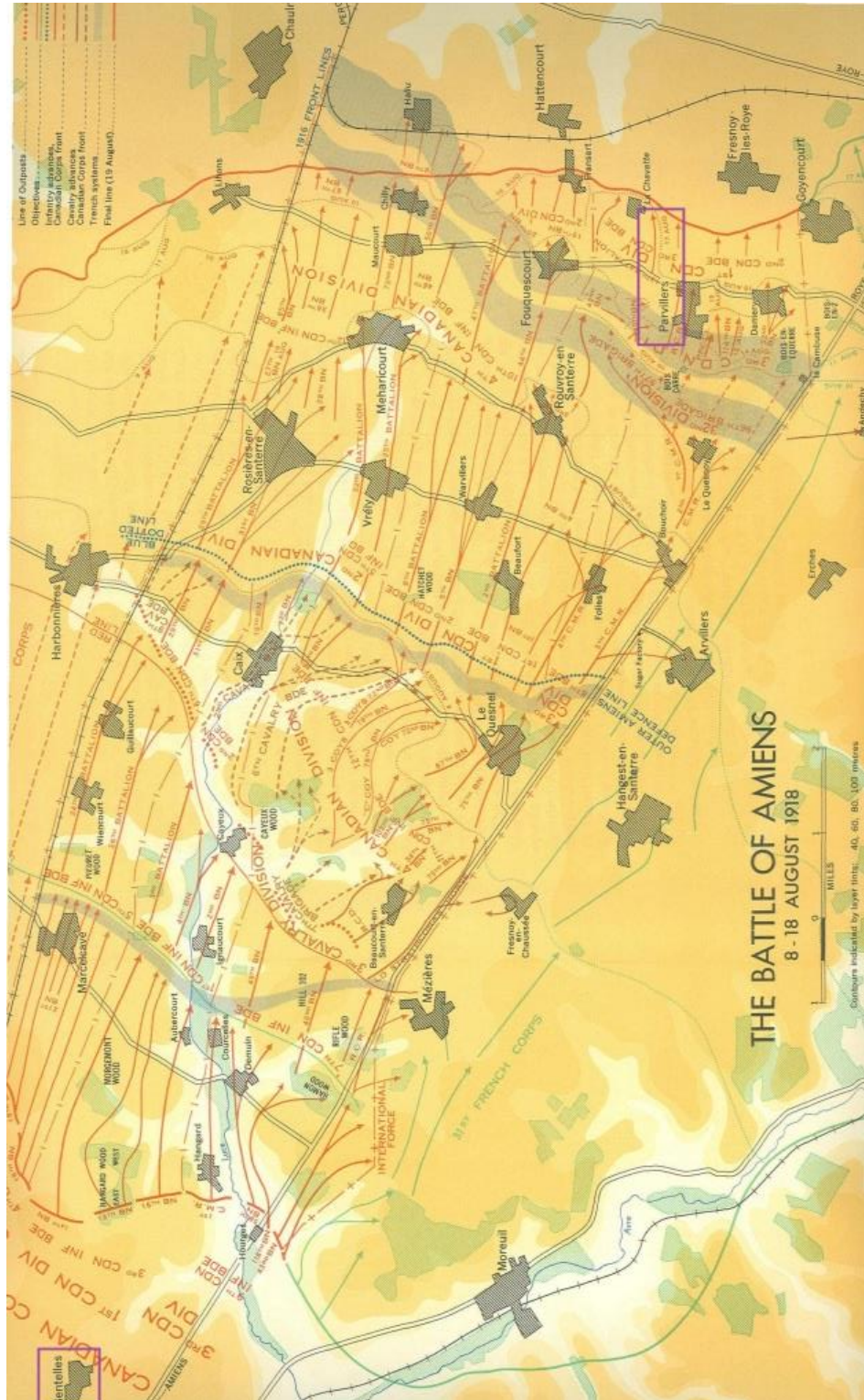
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
R. OF WARVILLENS Weather Fine	13-8-18		Battalion location unchanged. New plans were received for the forthcoming attack by the Brigade, the Divisional Front but were later cancelled and a warning order for an attack north of CHAUNES was also received and cancelled a little later. Reinforcements. 65 O.R.'s from CORQ. Casualties. NIL.	NX-2
	14-8-18		Battalion location unchanged. Orders were received for an attack on the Divisional Front similar to the previous plan. The enemy commenced shelling the orchard in which the transport was stationed but no hits were made near the transport line. Reinforcements. 54 O.R.'s from CORQ. Casualties. NIL.	NX-2
	15-8-1918		About 4 a.m. the enemy put a 4.1 shell through the Headquarters mess, demolishing the room, and the entire building was perforated by the flying shrapnel in a thousand places but no one was hit. Major K.O. Bell-Irving, M.C. 16th Canadian Battalion who was in charge of the Battalion and Capt. W. Maybin, as well as a number of batmen and runners were sleeping in the building at the time. Orders were received for the Battalion to move forward that afternoon and relieve the R.C.R. in support at PARVILLENS. This order was later corrected stating that the P.C.I.I. would be relieved in this position. The Battalion conducted a good relief with no casualties. The position was the old German front line astride the PARVILLENS-LE QUESNOY ROAD. En Hays was located about 300 yards s.e. of this road. The enemy still continued shelling the orchard and orders were received from near Brigade to move back to HOSPITAL VALLEY. REINFORCEMENTS. 85 O.R.'s from CORQ. CASUALTIES. NIL.	NX-2
	16-8-18.		Our artillery continued to shell the enemy very heavily, and retaliation was weak. The enemy shelled PARVILLENS and the woods to the S.E. of the town. CASUALTIES. 5 O.R.'s wounded. REINFORCEMENTS...NIL.	NX-2
	17-8-18		The 16th Canadian Battalion sent out strong daylight patrols to get in touch with the enemy and found him very much on the alert. The enemy shelled the area heavily and there were some casualties. CASUALTIES. 6 O.R.'s wounded. REINFORCEMENTS...NIL.	NX-2
	18-8-1918		Situation unchanged. All orders for operations were cancelled and it became apparent that no further operations were to be undertaken by the Canadians on this front. CASUALTIES. NIL. REINFORCEMENTS...NIL.	NX-2

D. D. & L. London, E.C.
(When W. W. 727/1000 7/2000 5/7 544 88 Form C. 2118)

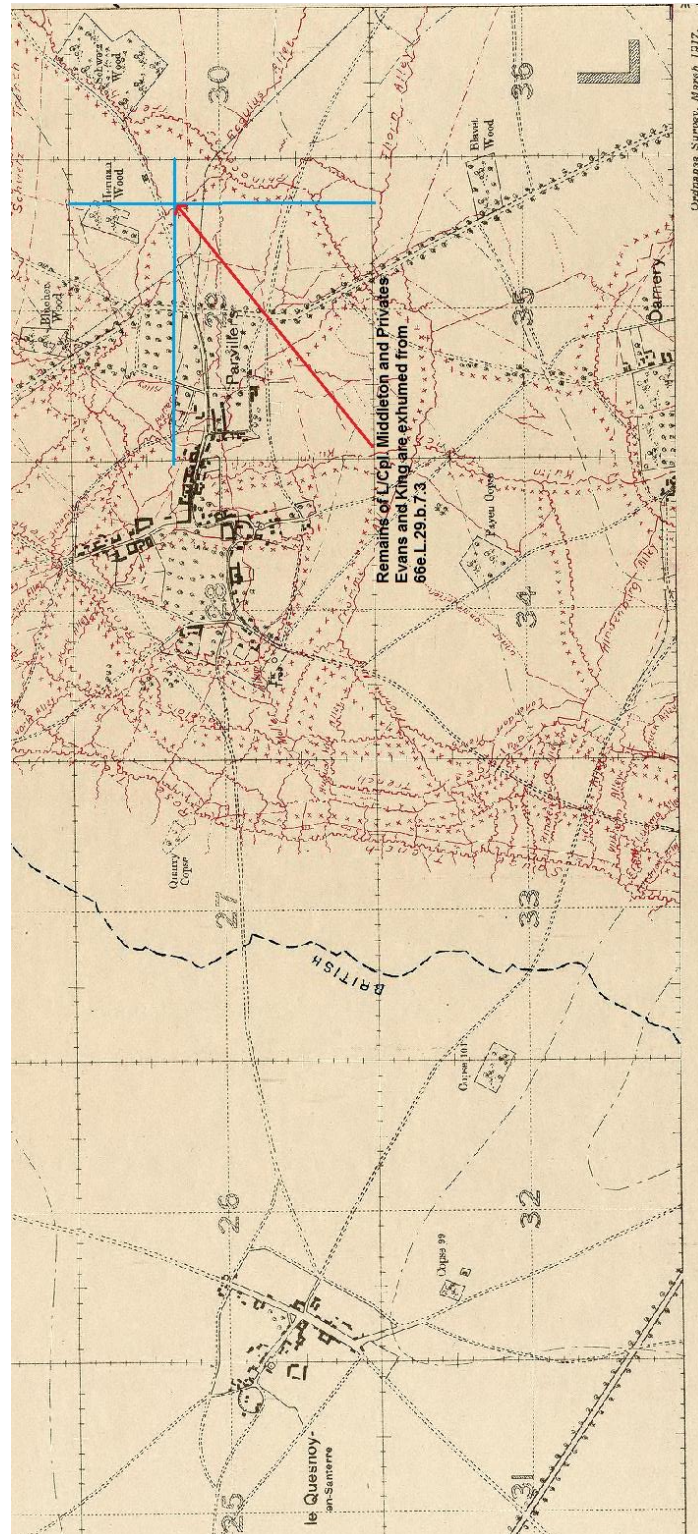
ATTACHMENT #5

Official History of the Canadian Army in the First World War. Canadian Expeditionary Force 1914-1919. Col. G. W. L. Nicholson. Queens Printer and Controller of Stationary. Ottawa Canada 1962. (Nicholson [Matrix Utility Digital Source](#) by the Canadian Expeditionary Force Study Group).



ATTACHMENT #6

The National Archives British Trench Map Atlas .Beaufort Edition 1A Map wo297_1659
Trenches Corrected 22/2/1917. Naval and Military Press, Uckfield, West Sussex, United Kingdom.



ATTACHMENT #7a

Commonwealth War Graves Commission – Find War Dead

[15th Battalion Canadian Infantry, Battle of Amiens 8 – 20 August 1918, Vimy Memorial](#)

You searched for: [EDIT SEARCH](#)

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War

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☐ Canadian (2)

Last name Rank Service Number	First names or initials	Date of death Age Cemetery/memorial Grave Reference/Panel Number	Regiment Country of service	
KING Private 1027234	CHARLES MORRISE	Sunday, August 18, 1918 VIMY MEMORIAL	Canadian Infantry Canadian	>
FARREN Private 1045368	JAMES FRANCIS	Friday, August 9, 1918 Age 35 VIMY MEMORIAL	Canadian Infantry Canadian	>

ATTACHMENT #7b

Ancestry.com. *Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1948* [[database on-line](#)]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Original data: [War Graves Registry: Circumstances of Death Records](#). Record Group 150, 1992-1993/314, Boxes 145-238. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. War Graves Ledger Books. RG 150, 1992-93/314, vols. 239-302. Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Private Farren

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAME
1045566.	Private.	FARREN,	James Francis.
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
16th Battalion.	9-8-18.	649-F-10615.	Roman Catholic.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
"Died of Wounds." He was a member of the Lewis Gun Section during operations near Demmin on the afternoon of August 9th, 1918. As he was about to take cover in an abandoned German machine gun emplacement he was hit in the stomach by an enemy machine gun bullet. His wounds were dressed and he was taken to No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance where he died the same day.			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:--Items 11, 12 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
		Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPONENT NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

20. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.
Grave cannot be located by Graves Registration Commission. The No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance Brigade was in Gentilles Wood on August 9th, 1918. Demmin Sheet C.18.b.10.6.
21. REMARKS.

<http://data2.collectionscanada.ca/e/e061/e001505113.jpg>

Bouchoir New British Cemetery 4.B.37

ATTACHMENT #8

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1973137.JPG>

End Region Serial
No. 776.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Commune:- BOUCHOIR.
Dept:- SOMME.

REPORT No. 2. SCHEDULE No. 300.
This report cancels all previous reports.

NEW
PLACE OF BURIAL BOUCHOIR BRITISH CEMETERY.

Map Reference 1/40,000. 66E. K 36. b. 8. 9.

The following are buried here:— Graves read from Left to Right.

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
PLOT 4. ROW B.						
Canadian Scot.	1001216	SHORT	Pte R.	16-8-18.	E.	28. ✓
Manchester Regt.	53103	O'NEIL	Pte -	10-8-18.	E.	29. ✓
do.	do.	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.	-	-	E.	30. ✓
N. Fus.	do.	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.	-	-	E.	31. ✓
P.P.C.L.I.	1063150	TOWNSHEND	Pte G.H.	14-9-18.	E.	32. ✓
P.P.C.L.I.	1042355	HICKEY	Pte A.H.	14-8-18.	E.	33. ✓
15/Bn Canadians.	46570	MIDDLETON	L/Cpl W.H.	16-8-18.	E.	34. ✓
do.	104878	EVANS	Pte -	17-8-18.	E.	35. ✓
R.A.F. 205/Sqdn.	-	FATTORINI	Lieut. T.	-	3/1702	36. ✓
48th R.O.F.C. ANI	-	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.	-	-	E.	37. ✓
Canadian Scot.	700049	MURRAY	Pte W.G.	16-8-18.	E.	38. ✓
do.	736176	HASTING	Pte -	do.	E.	39. ✓
Canadian Scot.	446257	MATHEWS	Opl J.R.	16-8-18.	E.	40. ✓
5/6 R. Scots.	256258	URQUHART	Opl -	11-8-18.	E.	41. ✓
Lance Fus.	-	MORGAN	Pte V.	-	E.	42. ✓
Manchester Regt.	54899	STALLARD	Pte W.H.	10-8-18.	E.	43. ✓
C.						

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ATTACHMENT #9

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2253125.JPG>

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES. (EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIALS).						
BURIAL RETURN.						
Name of Cemetery of Re-burial BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY 66E K 36 L 8.9						
Plot.	Row.	Grave.	Approximate Map Reference where body found.	Was cross found on grave.	(a) Particulars found on cross. (b) Particulars found on body.	Were any Effects forwarded to Base.
4	B	35	66E L 29 b 7.3	Yes	(a) 104878 Pte EVANS 15th BATTN CAN 17/8/18 (b) Nil	Cross Nil
4	B	36	66E L 29 a 3.6	Yes	(a) Lieut T. FATTORINI R.A.F. 205 Sqn (b) Nil	Cross Nil
4	B	37	66E L 29 b 7.3	Yes	(a) Unknown British Soldier 48th H.O.F.C. (b) Nil	Cross Nil
4	B	38	66D G 19 d 5.9	Yes	(a) 700049 Pte W.G. MURRAY CAN SCOTS 16/8/18 (b) Nil	Cross Nil
4	B	39	66D G 19 d 5.7	Yes	(a) 736176 Pte HASTING CAN SCOTS (b) Nil	Cross Nil

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2253124.JPG>

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES. (EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIALS).						
BURIAL RETURN.						
Name of Cemetery of Re-burial BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY 66E K 36 L 8.9						
Plot.	Row.	Grave.	Approximate Map Reference where body found.	Was cross found on grave.	(a) Particulars found on cross. (b) Particulars found on body.	Were any Effects forwarded to Base.
4	B	30	66E L 27 b 8.2	No	(a) Nil (b) Unknown British Soldier MANCHESTER R	Humeral Nil
4	B	31	66E L 27 b 8.2	No	(a) Nil (b) Unknown British Soldier NORTH FUS	Humeral Nil
4	B	32	66E L 29 b 7.4	Yes	(a) 1063150 Pte G. H. TOWNSEND P.P.C.I. 14/9/18 (b) Nil	Cross Nil
4	B	33	66E L 29 b 7.3	Yes	(a) 1042355 Pte A. H. HICKEY P.P.C.I. 14/8/18 (b) Nil	Cross Nil
4	B	34	66E L 29 b 7.3	Yes	(a) 463701 Pte W. MIDDLETON 15th BATTN CAN. 10/8/18 (b) Nil	Cross Nil

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ATTACHMENT #10

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Comprehensive Report of Headstone Inscriptions.

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No. of Contract.....dated.....		Imperial War Graves Commission.				Schedule "A" Page.....			
Name and Address of Firm.		COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS to this report is attached				Name of Cemetery.			
		COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)				To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:—			
		and				BOUCHOIR N.B.C.			
TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).									
Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line.	2nd Line.	3rd Line.	4th Line.	Age.	Centre of Stone.	Plot P. Row R. Grave G.	No. of Stone.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
1044/10	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSCR. ETC. SEE SCHED. Q/H.)				4 B 31 301	
1202/12	1063150 PRIVATE	G.H. TOWNSEND		P'CESS PATRICIA'S C.L.I. 14TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 20	NONE		4 B 32 302	
1202/1A	1042255 PRIVATE	A.H. HICKEY		P'CESS PATRICIA'S C.L.I. 14TH AUGUST 1918	NONE	CROSS		4 B 33 303	
1202/1D	46596 LANCE CPL.	W.L. MIDDLETON		15TH BN. CANADIAN INF. 17TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 33	CROSS		4 B 34 304	
12 02/1A	1045878 PRIVATE	M.C. EVANS		15TH BN. CANADIAN INF. 17TH AUGUST 1918	NONE	CROSS		4 B 35 305	
1192/1E	LIEUTENANT	T. FATTORINI		ROYAL AIR FORCE 15TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 19	CROSS		4 B 36 306	
1202/10	UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER			(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSCR. ETC. SEE SCHED. Q/H.)				4 B 37 307	
1202/1E	700049 PRIVATE	W.G. MURRAY		16TH BN. CANADIAN INF. 16TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 21	CROSS		4 B 38 308	
1202/1A	736176 PRIVATE	F. HASTINGS		16TH BN. CANADIAN INF. 16TH AUGUST 1918	NONE	CROSS		4 B 39 309	
1202/1A	446257 CORPORAL	J.R. MATTHEW MM.		16TH BN. CANADIAN INF. 16TH AUGUST 1918	NONE	CROSS		4 B 40 310	
1050/2A	250268 CORPORAL	J. URQUHART MM.		ROYAL SCOTS 11TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 21	CROSS		4 B 41 311	
1030/2A	48910 PRIVATE	V. MORGAN		LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS 10TH AUGUST 1918	NONE	CROSS		4 B 42 312	
1030/1D	54899 PRIVATE	W.H. STALLARD		MANCHESTER REGIMENT 10TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 36	CROSS		4 B 43 313	
1030/2A	30546 LANCE CPL.	C.H. FAIRCLOUGH		LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS 10TH AUGUST 1918	NONE	CROSS		4 B 44 314	
1030/2D	47218 PRIVATE	R.G.C. HARKNESS		LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS 10TH AUGUST 1918	AGE 28	CROSS		4 B 45 315	

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ATTACHMENT #11



ATTACHMENT #12

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

Procedure:	Guideline Criteria for Submission:
All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.	Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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